Guidelines on treatment of referred patients

3100. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued a directive and guidelines to all the Central Government hospitals on how to receive and treat patients referred by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that a specific circular has gone to all Government institutions dealing with health in the country;

(c) if so, the content of this directive;

(d) the objective of this directive; and

(e) the steps proposed to get better treatment for patients all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) No directions prescribing any guidelines as to how to receive and treat the patients has been issued to the Central Government Hospitals. However, a note has been sent to the Medical Superintendents of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and All India Institute of Medical Sciences regarding feed-back to be given with regard to certain categories of patients.

(e) 'Health' is a State subject. So far as Central Government Hospitals are concerned, upgradation and improvement of medical facilities so as to provide better treatment to the patients is a continuous on-going process.

Compulsory rural service by Doctors

†3101. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to make it compulsory for all the doctors to serve in the villages for one year under the National Health Policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have received the Javed Chowdhary Committee Report constituted for improvement in health services;

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